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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, submitted herewith are copies of three (3) references cited in the enclosed search report issued in a corresponding Japanese patent application.

For the Examiner's convenience, we have enclosed a completed Form PTO-1449. The statement is not a representation that all of the information cited is necessarily effective as prior art against the application.

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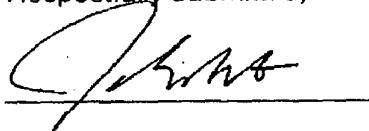
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Applicant(s) respectfully request(s) that the disclosed reference(s) be made of record in the subject application.

Respectfully submitted,



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REJECTION ASSESSMENT

Patent Application No.: Patent Application No. 2000-311510
Draft Date: December 17, 2003
Patent Office Examiner: Yuji Fukuda 9109 2S00
Title of the Invention: Acceleration Sensor
Patent Applicant: Murata Manufacturing Co., Ltd.
Agent: Hidetaka Tsutsui

The present application should be rejected for the reason(s) described in the Notification of Reasons for Rejection dated June 13, 2003.

Furthermore, the contents of the Opinion Brief and Procedural Amendment were examined, but no grounds sufficient to overturn the reasons for rejection were found.

Remarks:

The use of an elastic adhesive to absorb a surface acoustic wave in cases where a surface acoustic wave is utilized is an extremely common matter, as is also disclosed in the following publications (a) through (c) (in Publication (a), in particular, an elastic adhesive is used for the bonding).

Accordingly, the use of an elastic adhesive to bond the two thin beams (having a surface acoustic wave resonator formed thercon) of the type described in Figure 2 of Cited Reference 1 (Japanese Patent Application Kokai No. H08-166302), which is indicated in the previous reasons for rejection, is no more than a design matter that could be appropriately devised by a person skilled in the art.

Note

- (a) Japanese Patent Application Kokai No. H09-181562
- (b) Microfilm of Japanese Utility Model Application No. S60-196416 (Japanese Utility Model Application Kokai No. S62-103321)
- (c) Japanese Patent Application Kokai No. H02-228530

This certifies that the above-described matter is the same as the item recorded in the file.

Date Certified: December 19, 2003

Takeshi Kurita, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry Administrator

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特許査定

特許出願の番号	特願2000-311510
起案日	平成15年12月17日
特許庁審査官	福田 裕司 9109 2S00
発明の名称	加速度センサ
特許出願人	株式会社村田製作所
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この出願については、平成15年 6月13日付け拒絶理由通知書に記載した理由によって、拒絶をすべきものである。

なお、意見書及び手続補正書の内容を検討したが、拒絶理由を覆すに足りる根拠が見いだせない。

備考

表面弹性波を利用する場合に、弹性接着剤を利用し、弹性波を吸収させることは、下記文献 (a) ~ (c) にも開示のとおり極めて一般的な事項であり（特に文献 (a) は、張り合わせに弹性接着剤を使用している）。

よって、先の拒絶理由に示す引用文献1（特開平08-166302号公報）図2に記載されたような表面弹性波共振器が形成された2枚の薄い梁の接合を弹性接着剤により行うことも、当業者が適宜成し得る設計変更に過ぎない。

記

- (a) 特開平09-181562号公報
- (b) 実願昭60-196416号（実開昭62-103321号）のマイクロフィルム
- (c) 特開平02-228530号公報

上記はファイルに記録されている事項と相違ないことを認証する。

認証日 平成15年12月19日 経済産業事務官 栗田 健志